

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2005, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 remain pending in the application. Claims 2-3, 6 and 11-13 have been deemed allowable over the art of record but have been objected to for depending on rejected base claims. Claims 1 and 7-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Naoi. Claims 4-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Naoi in view of Tanabe. All references are previously of record.

To expedite allowance of this case, Applicant rewrites objected to claims 2-3, 6 and 11-13 in independent form and cancels claims 1, 4-5 and 7-10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

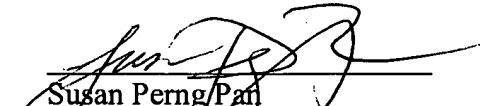
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